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SUMER.
MESOPOTAMIA.
500 B.C.E.



<TAKE OUR LIVES...>* <...BOND OUR SOULS...>

*TRANSLATED FROM ANCIENT SUMERIAN.



<...HEAR US AND
ACCEPT OUR
OFFERING.>



<I HEAR
YOU...>



<...AND I
ACCEPT YOUR
SOULS...>



<...IN
EXCHANGE
FOR A PLACE
OF **HONOR** IN
DEATH.>



< **MORE**
THAN YOU WERE
EVER GRANTED
IN **LIFE.**>



<STAND.>

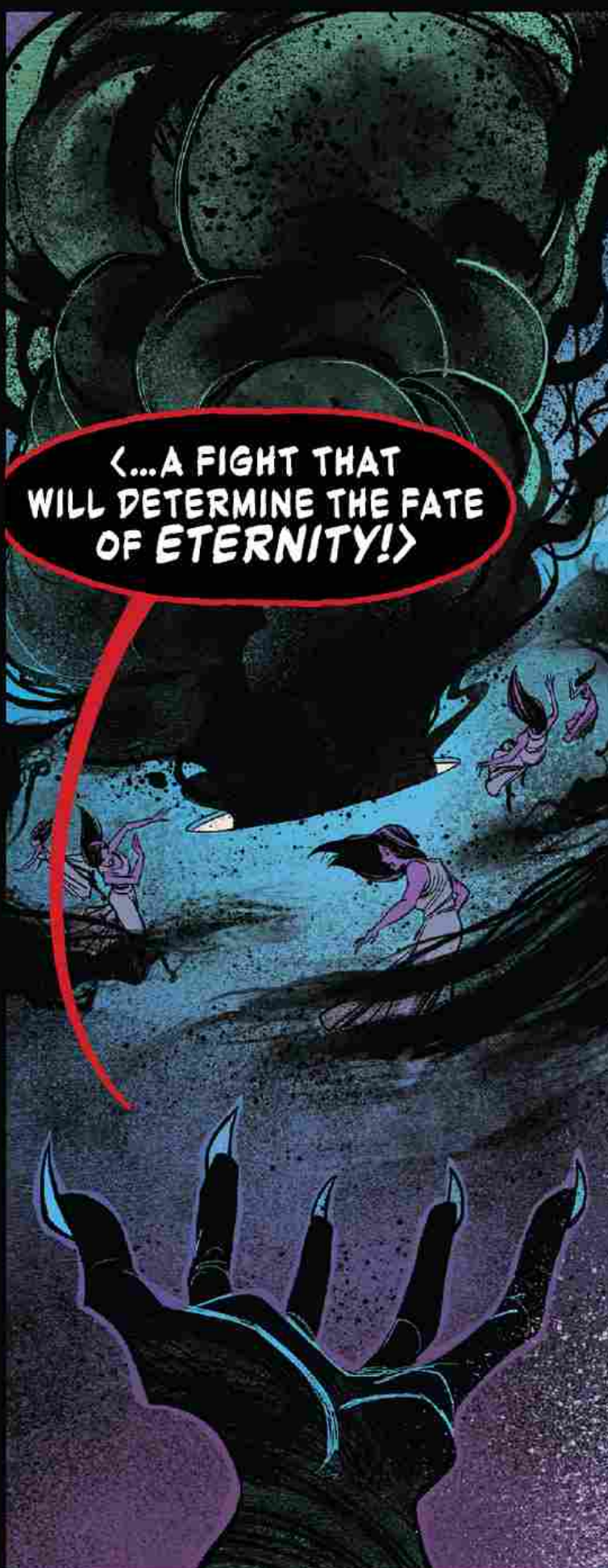
<AT MY SIDE, YOU WILL NEVER BOW BEFORE ANOTHER AGAIN.>



<YOU ARE GIVING YOUR LIVES, BUT YOU WILL **BECOME** SOMETHING FAR GREATER THAN YOU COULD HAVE CONCEIVED OF...>



<...WARRIORS IN A FIGHT THAT TRANSCENDS GOOD AND EVIL...>



<...A FIGHT THAT WILL DETERMINE THE FATE OF ETERNITY!>



AAA
RR
RR
GHH!



"DEATH ISN'T WHAT IT USED TO BE..."

...FIRE AND BRIMSTONE
REPLACED BY RULES AND
REGULATIONS...



...AND IT'S
BEEN EONS
SINCE WE'VE
HAD A GOOD
WAR.

YOUR
WAR...



...YOU
LOST.

WAR IS
MORE NUANCED
THAN WINNERS
AND LOSERS.

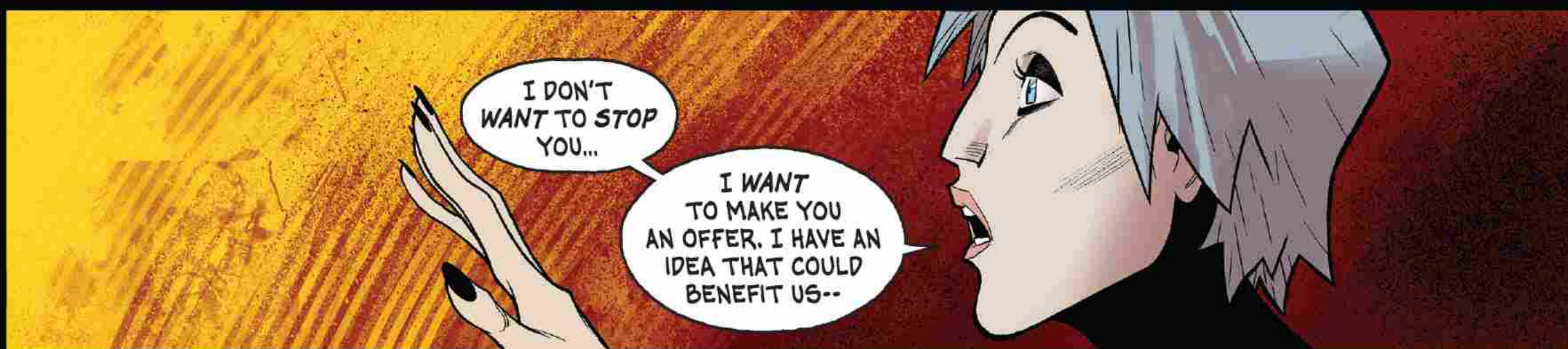


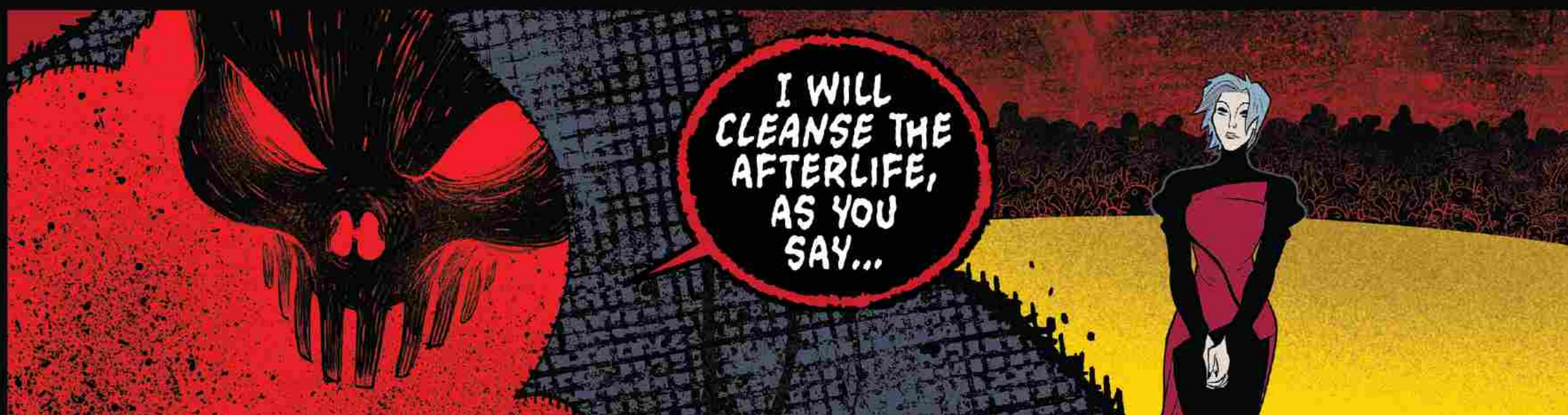
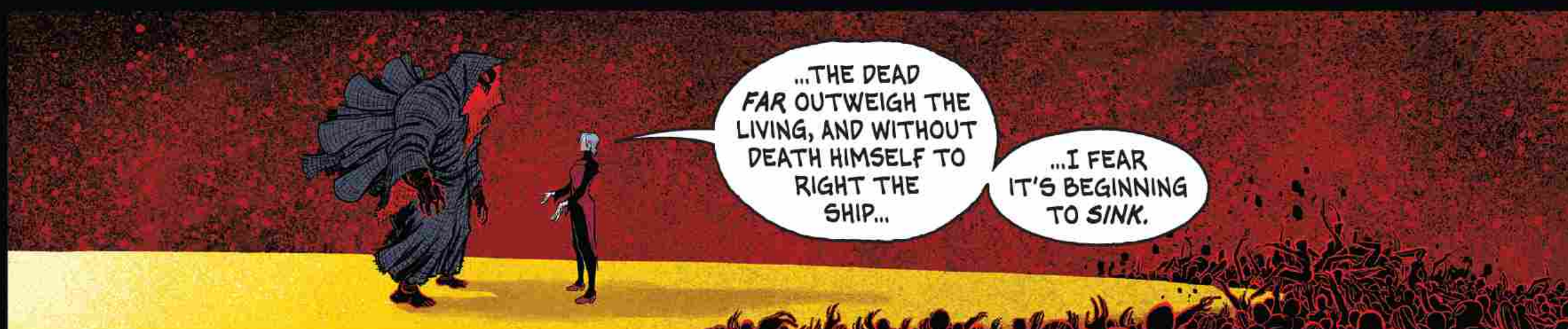
IT HAS
BEEN...MANY
YEARS SINCE
I'VE SEEN
YOU.

BUT
I'M GUESSING THE
END HASN'T COME ALL
THIS WAY FOR
PLEASANTRIES.

YOU'RE
HERE FOR
HER...





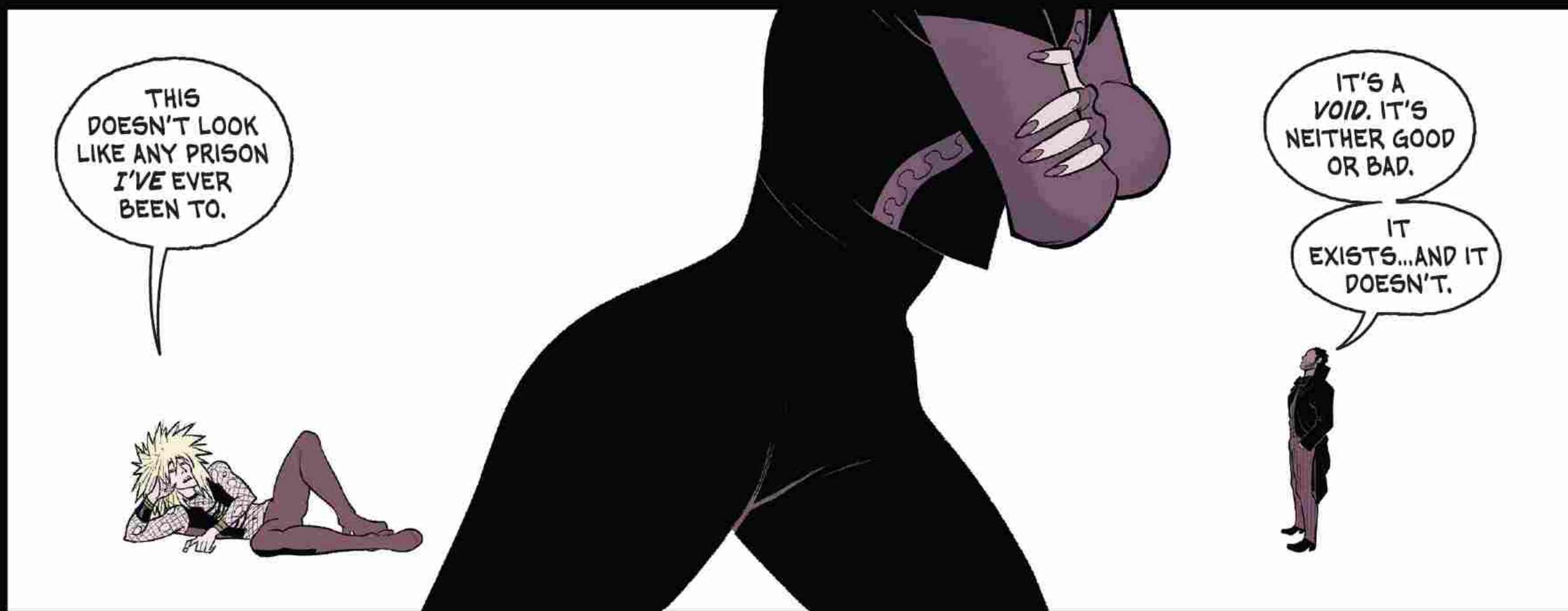


"...AND BALANCE
WILL BE RESTORED."



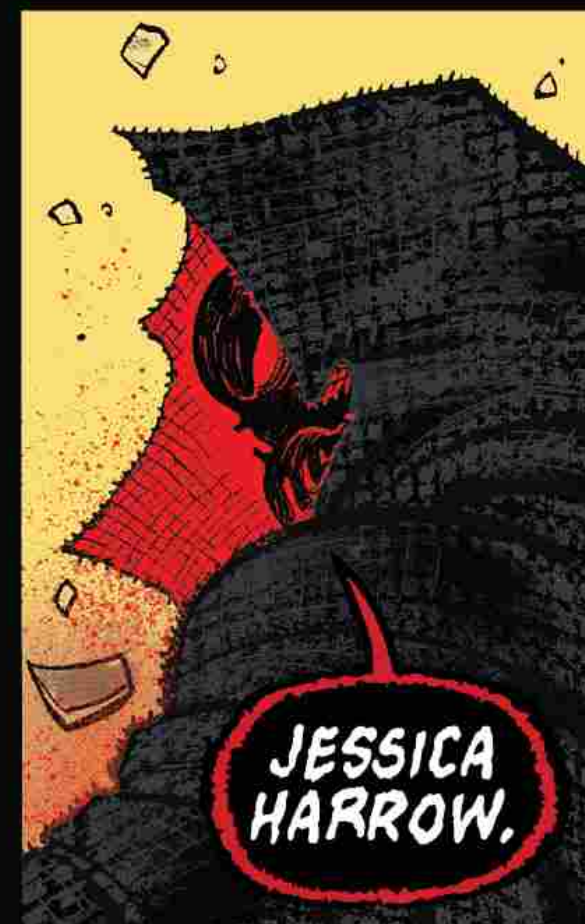
I HATE
IT HERE.

I DON'T
THINK YOU'RE
MEANT TO LIKE
A PRISON,
EDDIE.



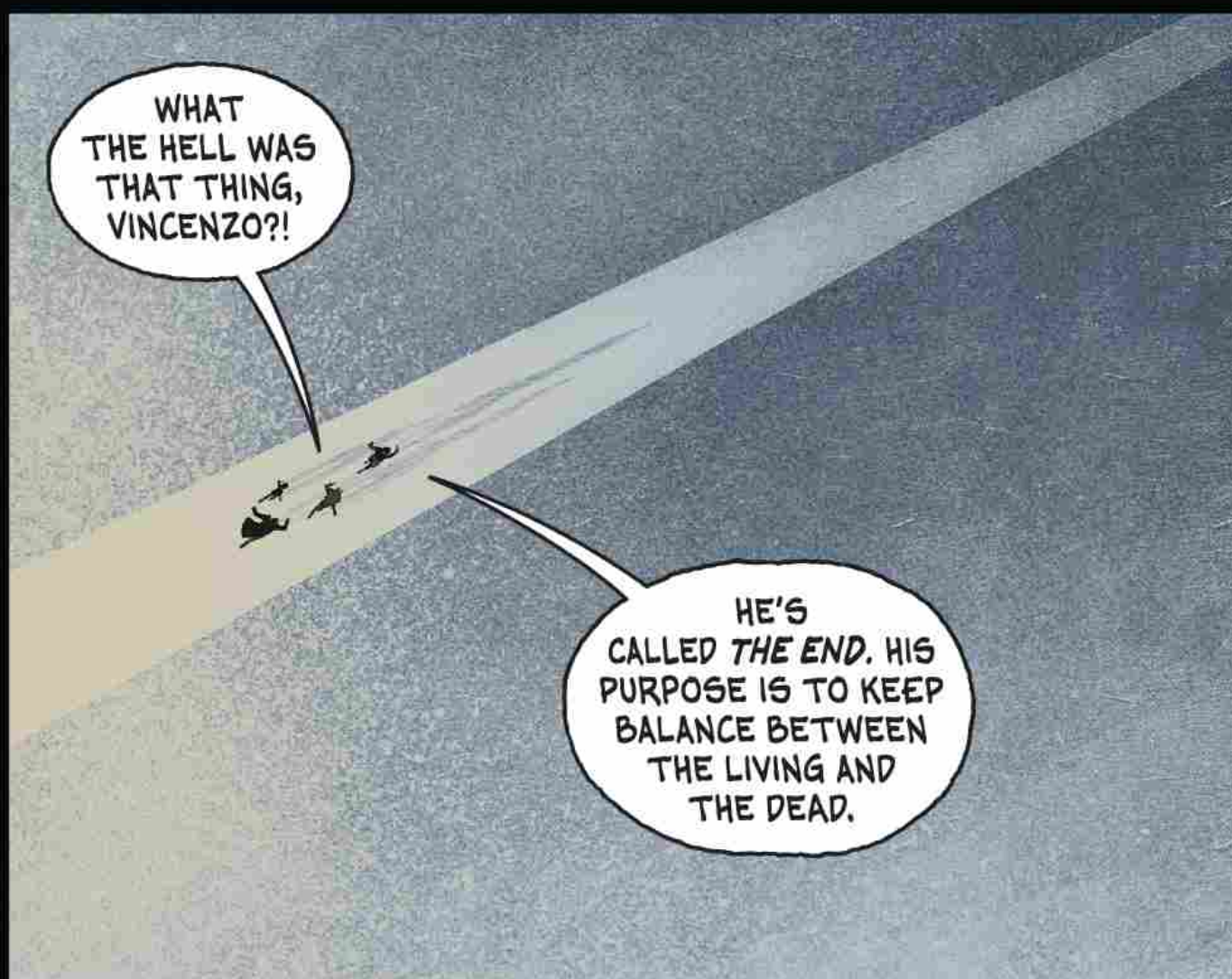












WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT THING, VINCENZO?!

HE'S CALLED *THE END*. HIS PURPOSE IS TO KEEP BALANCE BETWEEN THE LIVING AND THE DEAD.



JESSICA SHIFTING BETWEEN WORLDS MUST HAVE AWOKEN HIM.

GREAT. SCARY DEATH MONSTER THAT CAN DESTROY US. WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DO NOW...?

I KNOW A PLACE WE CAN GO--



WHY WOULD WE GO ANYWHERE WITH YOU?

JESS!



YOU WORK FOR HER.

NO...I WORK FOR DEATH.

WHAT ADIRA HAS DONE...IT'S NOT SUPPOSED TO BE THIS WAY.



WHAT DO YOU MEAN...? IF YOU WORK FOR DEATH...

...THEN WHY ARE YOU HELPING ADIRA?



I THINK IT'S EASIER IF I SHOW YOU...



DEATH
IS AS OLD AS
THE UNIVERSE
ITSELF...



...EVERYTHING
IN THE AFTERLIFE
WAS BUILT BY
HIM.

PIECE
BY PIECE.



SO, WHEN
DO WE GET TO
MEET THE BIG
MAN...THE HEAD
HONCHO...?



I DON'T
THINK WE DO,
EDDIE...



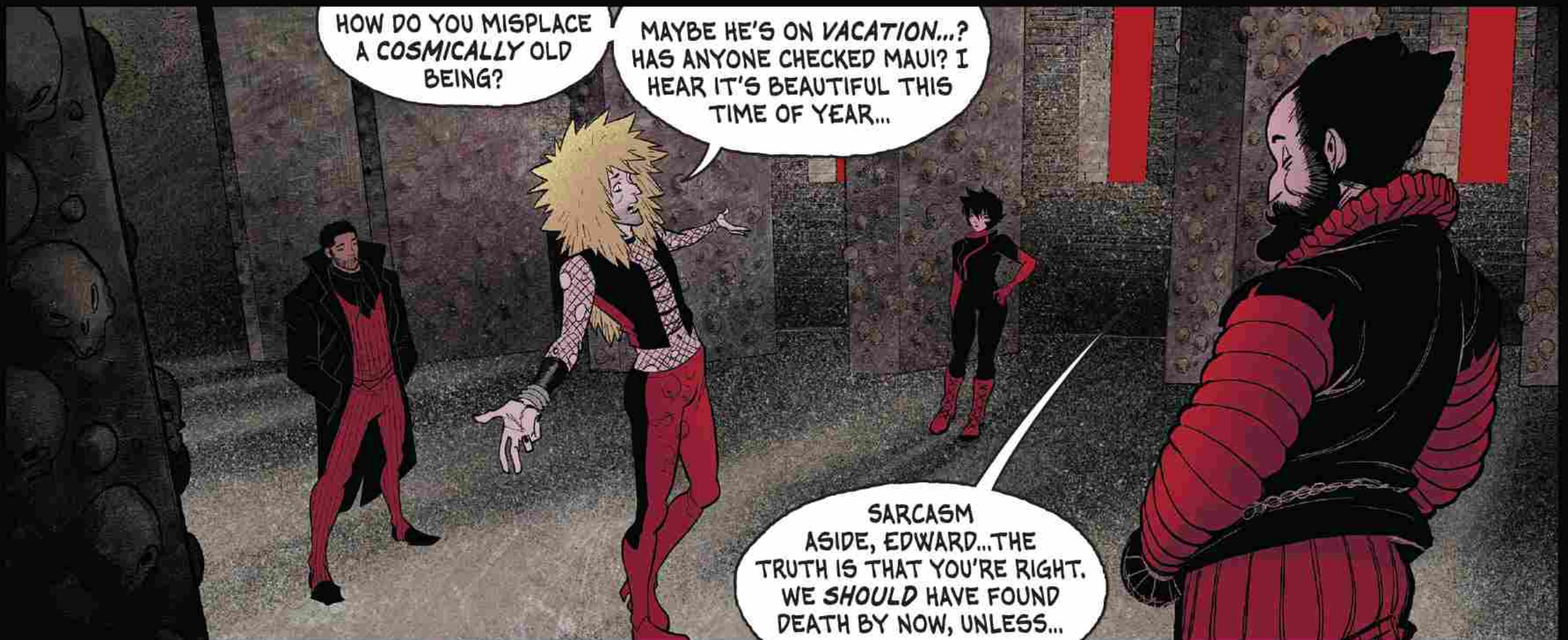
HE'S GONE.



DEATH IS... MISSING.

THOSE THAT KNOW...AND THERE ARE VERY, VERY FEW OF US...WE WERE SWORN TO SECRECY.

IF EVERYONE IN THE AFTERLIFE KNOWS...EVERYTHING HE BUILT COULD FALL APART.



HOW DO YOU MISPLACE A COSMICALLY OLD BEING?

MAYBE HE'S ON VACATION...? HAS ANYONE CHECKED MAUI? I HEAR IT'S BEAUTIFUL THIS TIME OF YEAR...

SARCASM ASIDE, EDWARD...THE TRUTH IS THAT YOU'RE RIGHT. WE *SHOULD* HAVE FOUND DEATH BY NOW, UNLESS...



UNLESS HE DOESN'T WANT TO BE FOUND...

PERHAPS. BUT I THINK SOMETHING... OR *SOMEONE*... DROVE HIM TO LEAVE.

IF YOU WANT TO FIND DEATH, YOU NEED TO FIND THE PERSON WHO BENEFITS FROM HIS LEAVING.



WE'RE TALKING ABOUT ADIRA, RIGHT?



DEATH IS GONE AND ADIRA IS SOMEHOW INVOLVED...BUT WHAT DOES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME?



WE'RE STILL MISSING SOMETHING...



DEATH'S SCYTHE.
ANOTHER ELEMENT
TO HIS MYSTERIOUS
DISAPPEARANCE...
HOW COULD DEATH
LEAVE WITHOUT
IT?

IT ONLY
ACTIVATES FOR
DEATH HIMSELF.
OTHERS HAVE
TRIED, BUT ALL
HAVE...



...FAILED.



THAT'S...NOT
POSSIBLE...





GRIN

EPILOGUE.

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA.

COME
ON...

...GIVE
IT UP...

...THAT'S
BETTER,
BABY, COME
ON...

...FUCK.

THIS
PLACE KILLS ME
EVERY TIME. WHO
THE HELL WOULD
WANT TO COME
HERE?

TO BE
CONTINUED...

SON OF ULTRON

"THIS FAN...
THIS MONSTER!"

